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AFRL-Rome awards cybersecurity research contracts

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ROME, N.Y. — The Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate has awarded a pair of contracts, worth a combined total of nearly \$10 million, for research to develop and validate security technology for the Air Force's Joint Battlespace Infosphere (JBI) program.

One-year contracts for "Organically Assured and Survivable Information Systems (OASIS) Demonstration-Validation" were awarded to Boeing Co. (\$4,994,030) and BBNT Solutions of Cambridge, Mass. (\$4,976,347). The OASIS program is sponsored by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) of Arlington, Va.

"Researchers for both firms will be attempting to take technology developed under the OASIS program and apply it toward JBI applications," said Patrick M. Hurley, program man-

ager in the directorate's Information Grid Division. "At the conclusion of the one-year contract period, one of the companies will be selected for a follow-on contract valued at approximately \$8.5 million."

JBI is planned as a global computer "system of systems" that, once built, will facilitate real-time management of combat information. JBI will allow military leaders to access the most current and accurate information needed to make quick decisions during a crisis or conflict.

The OASIS demonstration/validation program seeks to provide defense capabilities against sophisticated adversaries to allow sustained operation of mission critical functions in the face of known and future cyber attacks against information systems. @